

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-28 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 28 have been amended.

2. Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the indication that claims 2-4, 8, 11-13, 16, 17, 19-21, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicants believe that these claims are patentable as they stand for the reasons stated below.

3. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 28 are patentable over the combination of Jönsson et al. (US 5,867,772, "Jönsson") in view of Desblancs et al. (US 6,456,859, "Desblancs").

The combination of Jönsson and Desblancs fails to disclose a frame construction which is a mechanical entity separate from the printed circuit board, keypad, display, reader for a detachable memory module and outer cover parts, as recited by Applicants' claim 1.

The combination of Jönsson and Desblancs also fails to disclose providing a frame construction, and a printed circuit board, display module, reader, outer cover parts, and keypad module that are separate mechanical entities, as recited by claim 28.

The Office Action refers to Figures 1 and 2 and column 3, lines 19-35 where Jönsson discloses a number of components assembled together between a front shell 20 and a base

shell 22. However, Jönsson has no disclosure related to a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the claims of the present invention.

The disclosure of Jönsson can not be interpreted as including a frame construction into which parts like front and back covers would be mechanically coupled. Jönsson's Figure 2 illustrates how the mobile telephone has a front cover 20, a key mat 30, an LCD display unit 40, a printed circuit board 50, a light guide 60 and a back cover 22. There is nothing in Jönsson related to a structural frame, especially a frame construction which is a mechanical entity separate from said printed circuit board, keypad, display, reader for a detachable memory module and outer cover parts.

Desblancs also fails to disclose a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the present claims. Therefore, claims 1 and 28 are patentable over the combination of Jönsson and Desblancs, as are claims 5, 7, 9, and 10.

4. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 is patentable over the combination of Jönsson and Desblancs in view of Kivela (US 5,918,189).

Like Jönsson and Desblancs, Kivela also fails to disclose a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the present claims. Therefore claim 6 is patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs, and Kivela.

5. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14, 15 and 18 are patentable over the combination of Jönsson,

Desblancs and Fuhrmann et al (US Application Publication 2002/0057792, "Fuhrmann").

Like Jönsson and Desblancs, Fuhrmann fails to disclose a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the present claims. Therefore claims 14, 15, and 18 are patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs, and Fuhrmann.

6. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22-24 are patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs and Halttunen et al (US 5,844,166, "Halttunen").

Halttunen fails to disclose a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the present claims and therefore fails to supply the features of the present invention missing from Jönsson and Desblancs. Therefore claims 22-24 patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs, and Halttunen.

7. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 25 is patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs and Beiswenger et al (US 4,958,911 "Beiswenger")


Like the other references, Beiswenger fails to disclose a frame construction and separate mechanical entities as laid out in the present claims. Therefore claim 25 is patentable over the combination of Jönsson, Desblancs, and Beiswenger.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is

respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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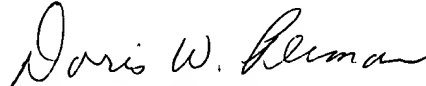
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